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To the UNIVERSAL SPECTATOR.

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Have a Complaint to make to you of an Evil which is too prevalent, and which is ſometimes attended with unhappy Conſequences; an Over-paſſionate Heat in a Diſpute. Though the Rules of Converſation are known by ſome, yet through an Impatience of having the worſt of an Argument, they forget good Manners, and often Decency. I was in Company the other Night, where ſo trifling a Diſpute as the Merit of two Players has made a Breach of Friendſhip between two Gentlemen, who had the greateſt Eſteem for one another; but the Paſſions of both having caus'd Expreſſions to be us'd too intemperate, each claims a Right of the other's aſking Pardon.

From this Occurrence give me Leave to obſerve, that in Converſation we too often fly to Argument to enliven it, but almoſt always find it the Diſturber and Deſtroyer of it. Why it ſo happens, will not ſeem ſtrange to any one, who ſeriouſly reflects with what Deſign Men generally enter upon Diſputes: It is not in ſearch after *Truth*; it is not to give and receive Information, but to ſhew themſelves to Advantage; to ſet themſelves up as the Mark of Admiration, and triumph over the Underſtanding of the Company. Hence it is, that when any of theſe Diſputants has, in the Warmth of Debate, let ſlip an Abſurdity, he defends it with Heat and Violence. Where Victory is the chief End of Contention, all Oppoſition, that ſtands in the Way to Triumph, muſt rouze up Paſſion; which Paſſion ruins the Deſign for which it was rais'd, like an inhuman *Parricide*, butchering its own Parent.

It is the greateſt Proof of a generous Mind to know when to give up a Diſpute, bravely to own he was in an Error, and nobly to ſcorn the little Triumph over a Friend's Underſtanding.

The ingenious Author of *Phædra* and *Hippolitus*, in his judicious and elegant Poem on the Death of his Friend *John Phillips*, after having enumerated Abundance of his Excellences and good Qualities, he artfully turns ſhort when he comes to the Pitch of his Character; the leſſer Qualifications he is contented to paſs over with bare Narration, as what others had enjoy'd in common with him; but his chief Perfection he celebrates by a paſſionate Enquiry,

Whom ſhall I find unbiaſs'd in Diſpute,
Eager to learn, unwilling to confute?

The greateſt Commendation that a Man of Learning, in Mr. *Phillips*'s Way of Life, could receive.

I have ſometimes merrily obſerv'd two Perſons in hot Contention, when they have agreed to the ſame Point, all their Variance being the Uſe of different Terms; an Unhappineſs in not being able to expreſs their Sentiments with Perſpicuity, and that conſiderably augmented by the Confuſion a licentious Paſſion had flung them into.

As this Letter is wrote not only for Advice to my Acquaintance, but for publick Uſe, I will lay down a Rule for Converſation, which is as comprehenſive as a whole Eſſay, and enforce it by an Example, which may be as inſtructive as a Volume. This important Maxim is, only

In all Diſputations be ſtrictly obſervant of good Manners.

This is a moſt neceſſary Rule, becauſe we may obſerve, that thoſe who commit their Arguments to Paper, and have Time, Solitude, and Retirement to mitigate their Paſſions, can ſometimes hardly preſerve themſelves within the Bounds of Decency. I might be very copious on the Reaſons and Advantages of this Rule, but ſhall content myſelf to ſhew the Neceſſity of it from a melancholy Example of the Danger of neglecting it: And I hope it will have the more Weight, as it is not Fiction, but what really happen'd to two young Gentlemen of the *Middle-Temple*, in *June* 1721, with all the Circumſtances as I ſhall relate them.

Mr. *Norton Fitzgerald*, Student of the *Middle-Temple*, ſecond Son of *William Fitzgerald*, Eſq; of *Moya-Caſtle*, in the County of *Clare*, deſcended from the Earl of *Deſmond*, famous many Centuries in the *Iriſh* Hiſtories, was, by the Mother's Side, ally'd to ſeveral noble *Engliſh* Houſes, among which were thoſe of *Berkley*, *Lane* and *Norton*. The two laſt of which are famous for being the happy Inſtruments in the Preſervation of King *Charles* II. This unfortunate young Gentleman had his Education in the Univerſity of *Dublin*, where he contracted an Intimacy with Mr. *Richard Grantham*, the only Son of Dr. *Grantham*, Rector of *Catherlogh*. This Gentleman had the Advantage of Mr. *Fitzgerald*, both in Age and Academical Standing; however, they quitted the Univerſity about the ſame time, and meeting here on the ſame Deſign, continued their Acquaintance near a Year, in a great Intimacy and Friendſhip.

On *Saturday* the 25th of *June* they din'd together in the *Temple-Hall*, from whence they went to bathe at *Chelſea* with two of their common Friends; they continued together after their uſual friendly Manner, 'till Supper-time: When Supper was ended, they walk'd about the *Fountain*, near the *Hall*; where ſtarting a Philoſophical Queſtion, of a very *dubious* Nature, and not agreeing in the Deciſion of it, after having ſpent their Stock of Arguments on each Side, they ſupported themſelves with poſitive Affirmations and Denials: This was follow'd by *Nonſenſe*—*Fool*—*Blockhead*—*Raſcal*.—Upon which they ſtepp'd down into the Rookery, drew their Swords, and, in leſs than two Minutes, Mr. *Fitzgerald* receiv'd ſix Wounds, of which he died at Three o'Clock next Morning. Mr. *Grantham* receiv'd one about two Inches, above the Left Pap, through the Shoulder-Blade, the Sword being thruſt up to the Hilt, of which he died a few Days after.

The Misfortunes of theſe unhappy Gentlemen muſt affect every Heart that is inveſted with Humanity, as they had the Characters of Men, agreeable in their Perſons, their Manners and Converſation; were univerſally belov'd, yet had the Calamity to die by the Hands of their beſt Friends.

I hope this Story will be a proper Lecture to thoſe who read it, to baniſh Heat and Violence out of Converſation.

If it has ſuch an Effect in the leaſt, all the Intention is anſwer'd of

Your humble Servant,
CRITES.

My Correſpondent has ſtated this Subject in ſo ſenſible and affecting a Manner, that there is no Occaſion to add any Comment upon his Letter: I will only give three Rules for Converſation, which will be of Service to both Sexes.

Nothing gains more Eſteem than an humble and ſerene Deportment. Be not contradictious, for Contradiction paſſes for Affront; becauſe it is contradicting the Judgment of another, and it turns the beſt-natur'd Converſation into Skirmiſh. Civility is a Debt we owe to Mankind; civil Language and good Behaviour are perpetual Letters commendatory: Other Virtues muſt have ſomething to maintain them; Juſtice muſt have Power; Liberality, Wealth, &c. But this is ſet up with no other Stock than a pleaſant Aſpect, good Words, and no evil Action: It is an eaſy Purchaſe when Friends are gain'd by Kindneſs and Affability.

To the Memory of Dr. HUGH BOULTER, *late Archbiſhop of* Ardmagh.

SIghing at thy ſacred Urn,
CHARITY ſhall ever mourn;
Sadly ever ſhall deplore,
Her beſt Patron is no more.
What is all the Pride of Birth?
What of titled Pomp the Worth?
What the wily Stateſman's Scheme?
What of Riches the Eſteem?
Theſe are idle, uſeleſs, vain,
Theſe no living Honours gain,
Theſe all flit like Shades away,
Theſe the Viſions of a Day.
But, O *Boulter*! thy great Mind
Shall eternal Mem'ry find;
Shall eternal Bleſſings have,
And ſtill bloſſom in the Grave.

On the SUDDEN DEATH *of a* GENTLEMAN.

WHile Mortals feel no Violence,
And full of Health to Vigour truſt,
A ſecret Power takes them hence,
And tumbles them into the Duſt.

Yet careleſly we run our Race,
As if we could Death's Summon's wave,
And think not on the narrow Space
Between our *Table* and our *Grave*.

But ſince we cannot Death reprieve,
Our *Fame* and *Souls* we ought to mind;
For they our Bodies will ſurvive,
And leave our Characters behind.

If I be ſure my *Soul* is ſafe,
And that my *Actions* will provide
My Tomb a nobler Epitaph
Than, that *I only liv'd and dy'd*.

So that, in various Accidents,
Honour I may with *Conſcience* keep;
Then ſhall I die with *Innocence*
And *Calmneſs*, with which *Infants* ſleep.

O *M*——, ſuch was thy tranquil End,
Such Conſtancy to *Thee* was given;
Thy Knees in holy Suppliance bend,
Thy Soul inraptur'd flies to Heaven.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Conſtantinople, Nov. 9. The Divan has receiv'd two Expreſſes from the Baſhaw of Babylon, with the ultimate Propoſitions of Peace from Schach Nadir: That Monarch previouſly demands of the Porte two ſtrong Towns on the Frontiers of Perſia at his Option, the Demolition of the Fortreſs of Kars near the Euphrates, and certain Privileges for the Perſians that perform Pilgrimages to Mecca. Several Conferences have been held on this Head, but the Reſult of them are ſtill kept very ſecret.

Oſman Baſhaw, alias Count Bonneval, has preſented a Plan to the Divan for building two Fortreſſes on the Black Sea, from which this Empire might reap great Advantages.

Madrid, Nov. 28. The Overtures made by the Court of Liſbon for an Accommodation between Spain and England, are quite broke off, becauſe of one Article in them, which was, that the King ſhould renounce all his Claims in Italy; which his Majeſty is ſo far from being inclin'd to do, that he intends to aſſert them with all his Power, and to liſten to no Accommodation unleſs Juſtice is done him on this Head; and this he has order'd his Miniſters at ſeveral Courts to declare in the moſt peremptory Manner.

Rome, Dec. 9. As divers Perſons of approv'd Piety and Learning have ſtrongly repreſented to the Pope the great Inconveniencies which the Poor ſuffer from the great Number of Holidays of Obligation, and this Affair having appear'd of great Importance to his Holineſs, he has himſelf digeſted in Writing the Reaſons they urge in Support of their Sentiments, and order'd them to be printed, that he may afterwards have the Opinions of all the Divines in Europe thereupon.

Vienna, Dec. 12. This Day died Sigiſmund Frederick, Count of Kevenhuller and Hohen-Oſterwitz, Baron of Landſcron and Wernberg, &c. Knight of the Golden Fleece, actual Counſellor of State, Chamberlain to the Queen, and Lieutenant of the Lower Auſtria, aged Seventy-ſeven.

Geneva, Dec. 10. We have receiv'd Advice that the Marquiſs de la Mina arriv'd the 5th Inſtant at the Camp of Barraux, in order to take upon him the Command of the Spaniſh Army under Don Philip, in the room of the Count de Glimes, who ſet out the next Day for Spain.

Dreſden, Dec. 14. We hear that the Garriſon of Prague has made three Sallies ſince the Beginning of this Month, in one of which they defeated a Body of Auſtrian Huſſars, and took from them about thirty Waggons laden with Proviſions. The Marquiſs d'Herouville, who commands at Egra, writes to the Count Deſalleurs, the French Miniſter here, that his Garriſon is plentifully provided with all Sorts of Neceſſaries; that the Number of Sick in it amounts to 300 at moſt, and that the Reports of an epidemical Diſtemper having rag'd there are entirely groundleſs.

Berlin, Dec. 15 The King has ſent circular Orders to all the Courts of Judicature in his Dominions, wherein he declares, 'That he looks upon as a great 'Abuſe the inhuman Cuſtom of putting the Accuſed 'to the Rack in order to extort a Confeſſion of the 'Crimes laid to their Charge; and therefore orders 'them to lay aſide that Cuſtom, and ſeek ſome 'Method more human to oblige Delinquents to con-'feſs their Crimes; and that when the Criminals are 'convicted by competent Witneſſes, the Tribunals 'ſhall be empower'd to paſs Sentence of Death upon 'them, &c.

Ratiſbon, Dec. 17. The Auſtrian Army, after raiſing the Siege of Braunau, march'd into a very ſtrong Camp: Marſhal Broglio went to reconnoitre them, but his Excellency, 'tis ſaid, did not judge that he could attack them with Advantage; ſo that he only thinks at preſent of putting the Troops into Winter Quarters. Part of the Imperialiſts and French are to be poſted along the Iſſer from Munich to the Danube, and the reſt on the Inn and towards the Frontiers of the Upper Auſtria: The Troops under the Count de Saxe will ſtay on the other Side of the Danube, and be poſted in ſuch a Manner as to preſerve always a Communication with Marſhal Broglio. We don't yet hear where the Auſtrians will take up their Winter Quarters.

Paris, Dec. 17. By the new Regulations made in the Finances it is reckon'd that 232,000,000 of Livres will be brought into the Royal Treaſury next Year,—Let the Miniſterial *Inquirers* into the *Revenue, Credit* and *Commerce* of France rub up their Memory a little, and aſk Pardon of the Publick for impoſing upon them ſo groſly laſt Summer in theſe Articles.

IRELAND.

Extract of a Letter from Carrickmacroſs, dated Nov. 27.

On Monday laſt Mr. Johnſon of the Fews, got Intelligence of James Garner, the notorious Robber, who has infeſted this Country for ſome time paſt, and ſent four of his Men in Purſuit of him, who found him ſtanding at the Door of a Cabbin within two Miles of this Town. On his perceiving them, he ran out of one Door while the Man of the Houſe made out at the other, and Mr. Johnſon's Men being deceiv'd by this Artifice, follow'd the Harbourer inſtead of him; but ſoon finding their Miſtake, they return'd back, and one of them, in the Search, came directly upon Garner, who was lying in a Potatoe Trench, and call'd out to him to ſurrender himſelf and take Quarter, which he ſaid he would. The Man ſuppoſing he had him ſecure, fir'd his Muſket in order to call his Companions to his Aſſiſtance; when Garner perceiv'd he had parted with his Shot, ſtarted up and laid hold on him; but finding the Man too ſtrong for him, broke looſe and ran away, by which means he got twenty or thirty Yards the Start of him. The others coming up immediately, one of them having better Heels than the reſt, overtook Garner after ſome Purſuit, and, making a Stroke at him with the But-end of a Blunderbuſs, knock'd him down. As they only ſuppos'd him to be ſtun'd with the Blow, they carried him off; but he expir'd in two Hours time, his Skull being broke, though there was not the leaſt Fracture made in the Skin. The whole Country is greatly rejoic'd at this Incident, as they durſt not ſtir out of their Houſes, even in the Day-time, for fear of this Fellow and his Gang, which they hope will now be entirely diſpers'd by his Death, and that of Daily, who was lately ſhot by Mr. Donaldſon.

Dublin, Dec. 7. Thomas Meredyth, Eſq; is made Secretary to his Grace the Lord Primate.

Laſt Saturday died at Stillorgan the Right Hon. Joſhua, Baron of Stillorgan, and Viſcount Allen. He is ſucceeded in Honour and Eſtate by his Son John, now Baron of Stillorgan and Viſcount Allen.

The firſt of this Family, which is originally from Holland, came over into Ireland as a Factor for the Dutch, and was ſucceeded by Joſhua his Son and Heir, which Son being Knighted, was in 1684 made Sheriff of the City of Dublin, and in 1673 Lord Mayor.

To him ſucceeded John his Son, who, in the firſt of King George I. was choſen Member of Parliament for the City of Dublin, and made one of his Majeſty's Privy-Council, as alſo in 1717 created Baron of Stillorgan and Viſcount Allen; and his Lordſhip marrying Mary Fitzgerald, eldeſt Siſter to Robert the eighteenth Earl of Kildare, by her had three Sons, whereof Richard, the youngeſt, is Knight of the Shire for the County of Kildare; and Robert, the ſecond, who is ſince dead, was Member of Parliament for the County of Wicklow, as was alſo his late Lordſhip; he was many Years Member of Parliament for the County of Kildare; but his Father dying on the 6th of November 1726, he ſucceeded him in his Honours.

Dublin, Dec. 11. Thurſday Morning, about One o'Clock, died ſuddenly, in the 52d Year of his Age, at his Lodgings in Loughboy, Sir James Dowdall, Bart. He ſupp'd the Evening before, and went to Bed about Eleven, and at One was found dead in his Bed by a Servant who attended him. By his Death the Family of the Dowdalls of Athlumny near Navan is extinct, his Brother, the late Sir Daniel Dowdall, who embrac'd an Eccleſiaſtical State, having died ſome Years ago. The Deceas'd had three Siſters, the eldeſt was married to Major Patrick Allen of St. Wooſtan's; the ſecond to Simon Clark, Eſq; of Rouſke near Dunboyn; and the youngeſt to ——— Gernon, Eſq; of the Water, and after his Deceaſe to Patrick Wall, Eſq; late of Pollardſtown near Calow.

Laſt Night Joſeph Kelly of Kellymount, Eſq; was married to Miſs Dorothy Molyneux, Siſter to Sir Caple Molyneux, Bart. a young Lady of great Beauty, fine Accompliſhments, and a large Forune.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Dec. 16. We hear from Mochrum in Galloway, that about a Month ago died in that Pariſh James Littlejohn, aged 118: He was ſenſible to the laſt, and had ſeen King Charles the Firſt and Oliver Cromwell when in Scotland, and could deſcribe them both with ſuch Exactneſs that ſhew'd he was no Child when they were in this Country: He was born in Edinburgh, but, for upwards of 50 Years, had liv'd in Galloway as Cook in ſeveral Gentlemen's Houſes.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Glouceſter, Dec. 18. They write from Ludlow, that William Garſon, Bricklayer, was laſt Week committed to their Gaol for breaking the Beaufet of Mr. Warren, of Woolbury, and ſtealing his Plate. It ſeems he committed this Robbery on Chriſtmas Eve laſt, and was apprehended on Suſpicion thereof, but no Proof appearing ſufficient to convict him, he was diſcharg'd; but having ſince been detected in digging up the ſaid Plate out of a Garden, he was retaken and committed to Priſon, and no doubt will meet with a proper Reward.

LONDON.

What ſtrange Ideas come into the Heads of Projectors!———A great Schemiſt has drawn up a Plan to raiſe annually a very conſiderable Sum without being any Burden on the Publick [*Multum, dingy, deſideratum*] during the War; which is not only to lay a Tax on all Places and Penſions, but that his —— ſhould, in Imitation of the late Queen *Anne*, give up a ſixth of his Revenue for Relief of the People and Support of the War.———*Without any Spirit of* Prophecy *it may be foretold what Succeſs his* Scheme *will meet with.*

A *Political Virtuoſo* is having a Medal ſtruck of an uncommon Device: A beautiful Lady habited like a *Pallas*, or a *Britannia*, bears upon her Shoulders a great *unwieldy beggar like Trull* in a *G—r—n* Dreſs, and ſeems to groan under the Oppreſſion: A Figure, habited like an *old Briton*, endeavours to pull her off; whilſt another, dreſs'd like a *Saxon*, with a haughty Air, has this Label——*Sic* VOLO, *Sic* JUBEO——

The Motto,

Tu ne cede malis; patiens, O Virgo, Laborum,
Conſule quid valeant humeri, quid ferre recuſent.

The Explanation of the whole we leave to the *Literati.*

General Officers are every Day arriving from *Flanders*, from whence it is ſuppos'd the *Britiſh* Forces will make no Motion till Spring,——notwithſtanding the *Hurry* with which they were embark'd.——However, for the *Glory* of *G—— B———*, ſhe has kept, at an *extraordinary Expence*, 16,000 Men abroad, beſides *mercenary H———ns* and *H———s*, to convince all the World our *M——rs* don't care what it *coſts* to have us make a *Figure.*——*But what ſort of one, our Enemies may tell with Pleaſure.*

The Return of *Admiral Vernon* being ſoon expected, the Converſation turns on *what Reception* he will meet with among his *old Friends*, who have undergone a *Metamorphoſis* in his Abſence.——Several other Points, too tender to mention, are alſo diſcuſs'd. All that can be ſaid is, *Does the Air of* Carthagena *produce as ſtrange* Metamorphoſes *as that of* Sto. J—cobo?

Several grand Entertainments are reciprocally to be given in the Holidays by great Men lately come into the M——try, and others lately gone out:——*Where no doubt they will be very merry on the Succeſs of the Farce they have been playing.*

On Tueſday his Majeſty went to the Houſe of Peers with the uſual State, and gave the Royal Aſſent to the Land Tax Bill; that for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder and Perry; and to one Naturalization Bill: After which his Majeſty made a moſt gracious Speech.

The Right Hon. the Houſe of Peers have adjourn'd to the 11th of January; and the Hon. Houſe of Commons to the 10th of the ſame Month.

His Majeſty has been pleas'd to give the two Regiments of Foot lately commanded by General Armſtrong, and the Lord James Cavendiſh, to Col. Cholmondeley, Member of Parliament for the Town of Montgomery, and Col. John Mordaunt, Member of Parliament for Cockermouth in Cumberland.

Thurſday his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales was overturn'd in his Chaiſe, as he was going to Epſom, but happily receiv'd no Damage: One of his Royal Highneſs's Footmen, and the Black, were very much hurt by this Accident.

On Sunday Morning was married at St. Clement's Danes, ——— Talbott, Eſq; Son and Heir of John Ivory Talbott, of Laycock in the County of Wilts, Eſq; to Miſs Stone, only Daughter of James Stone, Eſq; of New-Inn, a moſt agreeable young Lady, with 10,000 l. Fortune: As ſoon as the Ceremony was over, they ſet out for Mr. Talbott's Seat.

On Tueſday laſt the Corpſe of the Right Hon. the Lord John Johnſton, who died in France the 14th of laſt Month, was landed at Dover, and was interr'd on Thurſday laſt at St. James's Church: He was Brother to the Marqueſs of Annandale, and Member in the preſent Parliament for Annan, &c. in Scotland.

Laſt Week died, at his Seat at Headon in Nottinghamſhire, Sir Hardolph Waſtneys, Bart. of a very ancient Family, whoſe Anceſtors, Waſtneys, are in the Liſt of thoſe Noblemen and Gentlemen that came into England with William the Conqueror. Sir Hardolph repreſented the Borough of Rettord in the County of Nottingham, 3 Ann. He married Judith, Daughter of Col. Richard Johnſon, of Billby in the County of Lincoln; but dying without Iſſue the Title in this ancient Family is extinct. It's remarkable, that George Waſtneys, Eſq; Sir Hardolph's Great Uncle, firmly adher'd to King Charles I. and is memorable for ſlaying five Perſons with his own Hand, at the Devizes in the County of Wilts, when fighting on Behalf of that King, in whoſe Service he loſt his Life.

On Sunday laſt died Mr. James, Chief Butler of Queen's College, Cambridge, a Place of conſiderable Profit.

On Monday Morning, about Two o'Clock, died at his Lodgings in the Old Baily, after a few Days Illneſs of a Fever, George Britland, Eſq; He had been thirty Years a Priſoner in the Fleet, and was poſſeſs'd of an Eſtate of about 1800 l. per Annum in the Counties of Derby, Lancaſhire, &c.

Tueſday Morning died, at his Houſe in Pall-Mall, John Drummond, Eſq; Member of Parliament for Perth, &c. and one of the Commiſſioners for ſettling a new Tariff in the Netherlands.

Tueſday in the Afternoon died at his Seat at Tottenham, Rivers Dickenſon, Eſq; a wealthy Brewer in Chick-Lane.

On Tueſday Night died of a Mortification in his Leg, at his Houſe without Newgate, Mr. Stanford, an eminent Grocer and Confectioner.

On Tueſday Night died at his Houſe in Abchurch-Lane, Mr. Tuckey, formerly one of the Common-Council for Langbourne-Ward; a Man of Senſe and Integrity, and of ſo facetious a Diſpoſition, that thoſe who had been once in his Company, were ever deſirous of it again.

Laſt Week died the Rev. Mr. Ogle, Rector of Norton in Suffolk. 'Tis thought he will be ſucceeded by the Rev. Mr. Pern, Fellow of St. Peter's College, Cambridge, the Living being in the Gift of the Maſter and Fellows of the ſaid College.

The Rev. Mr. William Robinſon is preſented to the Living of Swinnerton in Staffordſhire.

The Rev. Mr. Morgan, Miniſter of Southgate Chapel, is preſented, by the Right Hon. Samuel Sandys, Eſq; Chancellor of the Exchequer, to the Rectory of Everſhott near Woobourn in Bedfordſhire.

Monday came on before the Right Hon. the Lord Chief Juſtice Willes, in the Court of Common-Pleas at Guildhall, a Cauſe wherein the Company of Weavers, London, were Plaintiffs, and Mr. Thomas Handiſyde, Defendant, who refus'd to be of the Livery of the Company, not being free of the City; but on Proof of the Charter and Bye Laws, it appear'd the Defendant being a Member of the Company, was eligible to the Livery, tho' not free of the City, and therefore a Verdict was found for the Company.

We have an Account from Edinburgh, that a very large Whale has appear'd in the Frith for ſeveral Days paſt, and the Fiſhermen are cloſely watching her, as they expect ſhe will ſoon run aſhore.

Yeſterday fa'nnight, about Seven in the Evening, a Gentleman had his Pocket pick'd of about forty Shillings, by Holbourn-Bridge, and feeling the Fellow's Hand in his Pocket, ſeiz'd hold of him; but his Comrades immediately fell upon the Gentleman, and beating him in a cruel manner, made him let go his Hold. Several People were coming to the Gentleman's Aſſiſtance, but the Rogue who pick'd his Pocket knock'd down two with a Bludgeon, and cut one croſs the Shoulder with a Knife, and all of them got clear off into the Alleys the Back of Field-Lane.

On Tueſday fe'nnight one Mutloe, a Blackſmith was apprehended at Bath on Suſpicion of the Murder of Jane Clarke, at Rodborough in Glouceſterſhire, he anſwering the Deſcription both in Perſon and Dreſs. Upon his firſt Examination he poſitively deny'd the Fact; but the next Day (the Son of Jane Clarke ſwearing to the Coat and Breeches he had then on, and that they were taken out of his Mother's Houſe at the Time the Murder was committed) he confeſs'd it.

Sunday William Burnett, one of the noted Pickpockets that attend the Playhouſes, was committed to Newgate by Col. De Veil, for a Street-Robbery, upon Mrs. Elizabeth Baily, from whom he and his Accomplices, not yet taken, forcibly took a Scarlet Cloak, putting her in Fear; but being purſued, upon an Outcry of Stop-Thief, was taken, and the Cloak found upon him.

On Tueſday Night, as one Mr. Hawry, a Lapidary, was coming thro' King-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, he was met by two Fellows, who aſk'd him what it was o'Clock, to which he anſwer'd, he believ'd it was almoſt Twelve; Why ſays one of them, ſure you can tell exactly, let us ſee your *Tatler*, and immediately cut him on the Forehead with a Piſtol, then robb'd him, and got clear off.

Wedneſday Morning about Nine o'Clock as Mr. Smith, of Town Malling in Kent, was coming towards London, he was attack'd near Fiſher's-Oak by two Highwaymen well mounted, one on a Grey Horſe, and the other on a Black one, who robb'd him of 21 Guineas and a Silver Watch, wiſh'd him a good Journey, and rode off.

Thurſday Mary Williams, otherwiſe Welch Moll, was committed to New-Priſon, by Col. De Veil, for being concern'd with three Men, and another Woman, in a Street Robbery, committed on Mr. Thomas Osborne, whom they knock'd down near the New-Church in the Strand, and from whom they took 4 l. 9 s. in Money, his Hat and Wig, which was found upon her.

On Tueſday Night the High Conſtable of Weſtminſter, and between 30 and 40 of his Petty Conſtables, purſuant to the Directions of the Juſtices of the Peace, at their adjourn'd Seſſions, went to both the Playhouſes, and other Parts of Covent-Garden, and apprehended ſeveral reputed Thieves, Pickpockets, &c, who were lurking thereabouts, and four of the moſt notorious of them were the next Morning examin'd before Juſtice Frazer, and by him committed to Tothill Fields Bridewell, to hard Labour.

Thomas Rouſe, for High-Treaſon, in fighting againſt his Country, is to be hang'd and quarter'd at Execution-Dock next Wedneſday.

Letters from St. Luca give an Account, that an Iriſh Prieſt, who has been for Years paſt Chaplain to a Regiment which quarters near that Town, was exhorting a Soldier to do his Duty, and reconcile himſelf to God by Confeſſion, which he had long neglected; but the Soldier, inſtead of complying with the Admonitions of the Chaplain, ſtabb'd him, of which Wound he inſtantly died.

By Letters from Scilly we have an Account, that the Argyle's Tender boarded the Richmond, Ellis, from Jamaica, with an Intent to have preſs'd her Hands; but were repuls'd, and had one Man kill'd on the Spot, and two others wounded in ſuch a Manner that they died a few Days after.

The Anne Galley, Blowers, from Carolina for London, founder'd a few Days ago about twelve Leagues Weſt of Scilly: Part of her Crew were carry'd into Dover by the Duke, Gloyne, from Maryland.

We have Advice from Briſtol, that his Majeſty's Ship the Bridgewater has taken a Spaniſh Privateer of 16 Carriage Guns and 147 Men off of Cape Clear: She belong'd to Bilboa, and had been but eight Days from thence: She bore down on the Man of War, thinking her a Merchant-Ship. The Captain of the Bridgewater took out 120 of the Privateer's Men and put them on board his own Ship.

The Evers, Colyne, from London for Gibraltar, is taken by a Spaniſh Privateer and carry'd into Tariffa.

The John and Jane, Olive, from Newfoundland for Portugal, is taken by a Spaniſh Privateer and carry'd into Vigo.

As is alſo the Love and Loyalty, Monkhouſe, from Whitehaven for Oporto.

The Spaniſh Privateer that has laid for ſome time paſt in Mardyke Harbour untrigg'd, is now compleatly rigg'd, and will ſoon ſail on a Cruize. She is a lute-ſtern'd Snow, of about ſeventy Tons, has eight Carriage beſides Swivel Guns mounted, is black'd before and aft, and has fifty Men on board.

A Liſt of the Enemy's Privateers now fitted out to Sea.

	Guns.	Men.
The Grand St. Michael, Capt. St. Martin, a Frenchman	40	340
The Coro	18	180
The St. Tereſa	16	160
The Eſperanza	14	150
The Pearl of Bilboa	14	150
The Extravagant, Capt. Franciſco, a Genoeſe, the Lieutenant a Greek	10	130
The Fortune Snow, or Brig, the Captain a Frenchman	4	65
The Dogger, Capt. Puttee, of Calais, the Men all French	10	130
The Sugnete, a Snow, at Paſſage	10	130
The Queen of Spain, at ditto	22	220
The Tyger Snow, or Brig, in the Channel	4	70

Beſides four Sail at Bilboa, their Names unknown.

Extract of a Letter from Gibraltar, Nov. 26, O. S.

'You have by this an Account of the Misfortunes 'that happen'd here lately, viz. Capt Kelly, of the 'Hargrave, attempted on the 21ſt Inſtant to puſh 'through the Gut, with a light Levant Wind; but 'as it ſoon came about to Weſtward, he was forced 'back, with ſeveral others: He lay for ſome Time 'becalm'd, very near the Shoar on the Spaniſh Side, 'and was attack'd by two Spaniſh Xebeques, of 60 'Men each; but he beat them off very bravely, not-'withſtanding they made ſeveral Attempts to board 'him; he had on board 20 Marines: As to the 'Number of Men he kill'd we leave it to himſelf to 'adviſe you, as he muſt be the beſt Judge. He came 'to an Anchor about Five o'Clock that Evening, 'and between Nine and Ten at Night it began to 'blow a perfect Storm at S. W. in which we expected 'he would undoubtedly go aſhore; as did the Drake 'Sloop of War, Capt. Stringer, who is wreck'd to 'Pieces, with ſeveral others, as follows:

'Capt. Wright's Ship and Cargoe loſt, which con-'ſiſted of Stores for the Garriſon; as alſo Capt. Cle-'land's two Ships.

'Two fine Sloops in the King's Service, belonging 'to Haſwell, alſo loſt.

'A large Settee, that lay as a Store-Ship, with ſe-'veral Goods on board, loſt.

'Two fine Xebeques belonging to the King, and ſe-'veral old Veſſels that lay in the Mole, loſt.

'A Portugueze Veſſel from Malaga loſt, and moſt 'of the Crew periſh'd; ſhe was bound to Dunkirk, 'with Wine and Fruit.

'Capt. Pridie, in the Carolina Brig belonging to 'Exon, ſtruck, and with great Difficulty was ſav'd, 'and has receiv'd great Damage.

'Capt. Strong of Liverpool, is aſhore; but we 'believe will be got off. A French Veſſel at Anchor 'cut away her Maſts. And moſt of the Portugueze 'Boats are loſt.

Extract of a Letter from Swaffham, Dec. 15.

'We had ſo melancholy an Accident happen'd in 'our Neighbourhood on Monday Night laſt, that I 'thought proper to ſend it you as a Piece of News. It 'is as follows: Mr. Nelſon, a Farmer, of Sporle had 'two Daughters, the one about twenty-ſix, the other 'about twenty-one, Girls quite remarkable for their 'agreeable Behaviour, and every other good Quality; 'on Monday Night laſt they had ſome Sewing-'Work, which they intended to finiſh before they 'went to Bed; and the Weather being cold, they 'took up ſome Charcoal in a Chaffing Diſh to their 'Chamber (there being no Chimney in the Room) 'and Yeſterday Morning the Family wonder'd much 'at the young Ladies not being ſtirring; they knock'd 'at the Door and call'd, but to no Purpoſe; at laſt 'their Father broke it open, (they having lock'd it 'the Night before) when, to his great Surprize, he 'found the youngeſt dead and ſtiff, the other had 'ſome Symptoms of Life, but expir'd in about half an 'Hour. It has ſhock'd us all very much, and their 'Father, who is a Gentleman of good Fortune, and 'an excellent Character, is to be pitied of all Crea-'tures. I hope this will caution People how they 'make uſe of ſuch dangerous Firing.

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Diseases and Casualties this Week.

Diseases. Aged 51 Consumption 77 Convulsion 138 Dropsy 18 Fever 77 Small-Pox 38 Teeth 26.
Casualties. Broken Leg 1 Died by the Bite of a mad Dog 1 Drown'd 1 Excessive Drinking 1 Found dead 4 Hang'd themselves 2 Kill'd by a Fall 1 Overlaid 3.
Christen'd Males 157 Females 130 In all 287
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